

REMARKS

Claims 1-4 and 6-15 remain pending in this application with claims 1, 6, 8-10, 14 and 15 being amended and claim 5 being canceled by this response.

Objection to the Drawings

The Examiner has objected to the drawings as Figure 2 shows the retaining zipper 16 attached to an edge of the securing member 10 while the disclosure indicates the zipper is located adjacent the center of the securing member. Applicant respectfully disagrees with the interpretation of the Examiner. Figure 2 shows the cloth member 14 having the zipper 16 positioned on one of the elongated members of the H and the zipper is used to connect the cloth wrap 14 to the foam member 12. Such is described throughout the specification and specifically on Page 15, line 18-Page 16, line 5. Applicant cannot find where the zipper 16 is disclosed as located adjacent to the center of the securing means. In fact the term "securing means" is not found by applicant in the specification. The only possible interpretation applicant can find for the disclosure mentioned by the Examiner is that the "first hook and loop fasteners 18 positioned adjacent to the zipper 16". It is respectfully submitted that the first hook and loop fasteners 18 are shown as positioned adjacent to the zipper 16 in figure 2. In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that no amendments to the drawings are necessary.

Objection to claims 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15

Claims 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 have been objected to as failing to further limit the subject matter of a previous claim. Claims 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15 have been amended in accordance with the comments of the Examiner to provide further limitations to the subject matter for the claims on which they depend. In view of the amendments to claims 6, 8, 9, 14 and 15, it is

respectfully submitted that this objection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 1, 2, 14 and 15 under 35 USC 102(b)

Claims 1, 2, 14 and 15 are rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as being anticipated by Doran et al. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and thus is also allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 2, 14 and 15 are dependent on now allowable claim 1 and thus are likewise allowable. In view of the amendment to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 5 and the dependence of claims 2, 14 and 15 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

Rejection of claims 3 and 4 under 35 USC 103(a)

Claims 3 and 4 are rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable Doran et al. Claim 5 has been indicated as allowable. Claim 1 has been amended to include the limitations of claim 5 and thus is also allowable. Claim 5 has been canceled. Claims 3 and 4 are dependent on now allowable claim 1 and thus are likewise allowable. In view of the amendment to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 5 and the dependence of claims 3 and 4 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this rejection is satisfied and should be withdrawn.

In view of the amendment to claim 1, the cancellation of claim 5 and the dependence of claims 2-4 and 6-15 on claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that the rejections made in this Office Action have been satisfied and should be withdrawn. As all claims now pending are allowable, it is respectfully requested that this application now be allowed to issue.

Should the Examiner consider necessary or desirable any formal changes anywhere in the specification, claims and/or drawings, then it is respectfully asked that such changes be

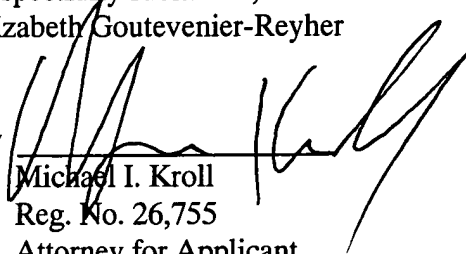
made by Examiner's amendment, if the Examiner feels this would facilitate passage of the case to issuance.

Alternatively, should the Examiner have any questions, comments, or feel that a personal discussion might be helpful in advancing this case to allowance and issuance, he is cordially invited to contact Mr. Michael Kroll, Esq. at 171 Stillwell Lane, Syosset, New York 11791, telephone number (516) 367-7777, so that the present application can receive an early notice of allowance. The address and telephone number for Michael I. Kroll stated above is as listed on the original Power of Attorney.

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